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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant in the above-identified application submits this Information Disclosure Statement together with form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith to bring to the Examiner's attention references of which Applicant is aware and which may have some bearing on the examination of this case.

Consideration of each of the listed documents by the Examiner is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicant respectfully requests that a copy of PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned to the undersigned with the next Official Communication.

Applicant, by submitting the listed documents, does not represent any of the documents to be prior art to this application, and reserves the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish otherwise. Applicant does not represent the listed documents to be material to the examination of this application, but has cited

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same to make it clear beyond all doubt that the Duty of Disclosure has been complied with. This disclosure statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been conducted by Applicant or that no other material information exists. See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). A copy of each of the following identified documents is submitted herewith:

I. United States Patents

	U.S. Patent No.	Issued To	<u>Dated</u>
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1	6,036,260	Mullen	03/14/2000
2	5,987,667	Haverly et al.	11/23/1999
3	Des.417,767	Newhaller	12/21/1999
4	5,970,542	Mays	10/26/1999
5	5,604,932	Lawicki	02/25/1997
6	5,283,909	Hill	02/08/1994
7	5,245,717	Rudy	09/21/1993
8	4,916,756	Barrett	04/17/1990
9	4,932,077	Dobbs	06/12/1990
10	197,821	Briggs	12/04/1877

II. Foreign Patents

Patent No.	<u>Country</u>		<u>Dated</u>
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III. Other Documents

BIEDERLACK OF AMERICA, "Cuddlewrap", Page 2, November 24, 2000, Mills Fleet Farm Advertisement; Contact Information: Jacque Golden, Telephone: (800) 521-6270, extension 3125

PEAKSKI AND SPORT, INC., "Couch Sack", Page 9, Winter 2000-2001 Catalogue; Contact Information: Peakski and Sport, Inc., 230 South Hale Avenue, Escondido, California 92029, Telephone: (800) 550-7669

SURE FOOT CORPORATION, "Penquin Sleeper", Page 1, May 23, 2001, www.surefoot.net/casual.htm. Contact Information: Sure Foot Corporation, P.O. Box 12049, Grand Forks, ND 58208-2049, Telephone: (800) 722-3668

None of the above-cited documents, either alone or in combination with the prior art of record, is believed to render the claimed invention unpatentable. Accordingly, early allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies, additional fees or surcharges necessary in relation to the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 13-4300. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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